

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 955

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor the Honorable Tim Dwyer for his meritorious service in presiding over the Shelby County Drug Court.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are honored to recognize those individuals whose influence upon society, and upon our judicial system in particular, has been of great importance and consequence; and

WHEREAS, Judge Tim Dwyer is one such individual who, in presiding over the Shelby County Drug Court since its inception in 1997, exemplifies the finest qualities of this state's legal system; and

WHEREAS, offering treatment instead of imprisonment to nonviolent drug offenders, the Shelby County Drug Court allows convicted drug addicts to complete a year-long rehabilitation program designed to help them overcome drug addiction and integrate into society; and

WHEREAS, the Shelby County Drug Court's programs and services include individual and family counseling, mental health counseling, job readiness and placement assistance, GED and educational training, alcohol and drug treatment, the twelve-step program, life skills and parenting training, anger management classes, halfway houses, residential placement, and permanent housing placement; and

WHEREAS, the program has experienced unprecedented levels of success in rehabilitation graduates of the program have a repeat-offender rate of only twenty-percent, compared with an eighty percent repeat-offender rate of non-graduates; and

WHEREAS, much of the success of the Shelby County Drug Court and its programs are no doubt due to the professionalism, ability, and integrity of Judge Tim Dwyer; and

WHEREAS, committed to public service, Judge Tim Dwyer donates his time and talents to many worthy civic and community organizations; and

WHEREAS, Judge Dwyer epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this legislative body recognize Judge Dwyer for his dutiful and meritorious service to the good people of the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize and honor Judge Tim Dwyer for his meritorious service as the presiding judge over the Shelby County Drug Court, commend his dutiful service to the good people of the State of Tennessee, and wish him every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.